

EDWIN SAENZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edwin Saenz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edwin Saenz is a 10th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Saenz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edwin Saenz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 206 on the evening of May 7, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall vote No. 206—Scalise (LA) Amendment: “no.”

2012 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Iesha Grady from Penn Hills High School. Ms. Grady is the winner of the 2012 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” Ms. Grady's artwork, a composition in oil pastels entitled “Harmless Apple Juice?” was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition.

In fact, 45 works from ten different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I am certain that Ms. Grady's family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Grady's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to

Capitol Hill to view Ms. Grady's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Maggie Morgans from West Mifflin High School was awarded second place for her pastel composition “Snowmageddon.” Sara Hopkins from Northgate High School received third place for her pencil drawing entitled “Britney.” Jasper Means from Penn Hills High School was awarded fourth place for his watercolor “Life Saving Station #7.” Stephanie Taylor from South Allegheny High School was given fifth place for her oil painting “Shades of Green.” I should note, by the way, that this is the third year in a row that one of Stephanie's works has placed in this competition. Last year she took Second Place, and in 2010 her painting was the winner. Clearly, this young lady has a lot of talent.

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Erin Hart of Riverview High School, Julian Moriarty from Woodland Hills High School, Alexis Yauch of McKeesport High School, Morgan Turner of Northgate High School, Mikaila Hoffman from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, Dan O'Leary of Riverview High School, Stephanie Taylor of South Allegheny High School, Elizabeth Thornton from Sto-Rox High School, Sara Hopkins of Northgate High School, and Ashley Reid of Riverview High School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery,” from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Adam Linn; from McKeesport High School, Jordan Armstrong, Jake Hall, Cortez Snooks, and Alexis Yauch; from Northgate High School, Sara Hopkins and Morgan Turner; from Penn Hills High School, Ebony Black-Yancey, Serena English, Stephan Godbolt, Iesha Grady, Jasper Means, and Roomel Reese; from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, Justin E. Dumas, Sarah Fehl, Mikaila Hoffman, Asma Qutyan, and Olivia Savisky; from Riverview High School, Bailey Conroy, Erin Hart, Demetrius Kokales, Lauren McKee, Dan O'Leary, and Ashley Reid; from South Allegheny High School, Eric Raynes and Stephanie Taylor; from Sto-Rox High School, Shane Jenkins, Melissa Fowkes Palitti, Samantha Reiss, and Elizabeth Thornton; from West Mifflin High School, Kasey Angel, Victoria Cooper, Chelsey Earnest, Katie Fahringer, Kristine Lype, and Maggie Morgans; and from Woodland Hills High School, Madison Harding, Julian Moriarty, Manuel Russell, and Jacqueline Zollner.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

HONORING TOM LEONARD

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend, Tom Leonard, who will be receiving the 2012 Essex Heritage Hero Award tonight.

Having championed heritage preservation and responsible stewardship of the region's historic, cultural, and natural resources during his eight-year tenure as the founding president of the Essex National Heritage Commission and now as its president emeritus, Tom is certainly deserving of this honor.

However, those in attendance at tonight's award dinner will know that Tom's service to his community did not begin with nor is it limited to his work with the Essex National Heritage Commission. Throughout his life, Tom has been dedicated to making our neighborhoods better places to live, work, and raise a family as well as increasing opportunities for children and young adults, particularly those who attend his alma mater, St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers. Tom is a selfless leader, a man of integrity, and a true citizen.

Tom's awards and accomplishments are too long to list, but I would be remiss if I did not mention that, in 2006, Essex Heritage established the Thomas M. Leonard Partnership Grant Program. This unique effort is focused on educating our youth and increasing their awareness about our region's natural and historic resources. Grants have been awarded to local schools and the National Park Service to enable more kids from outside of Salem to visit the Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic sites. Additionally, over the years, Tom has been recognized by the American Cancer Society, the Salem Harbor Community Development Corporation, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the Salem Rotary Club, and the Danvers Community Council.

Mr. Speaker, that impressive list will grow when Tom receives the 2012 Essex Heritage Hero Award this evening. I want to congratulate Tom and his wife, Marge, and their sons, Michael and Mark, and their entire extended family on this great honor.

EDITE MALOKU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edite Maloku for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edite Maloku is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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